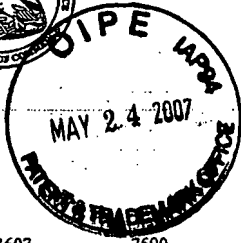


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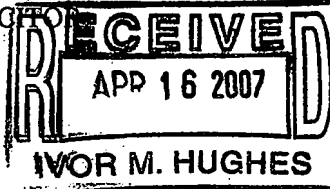
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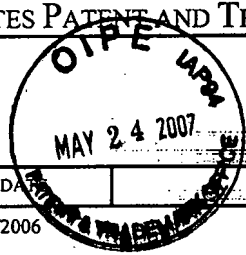
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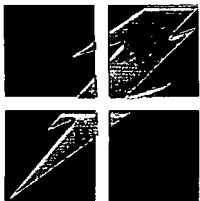
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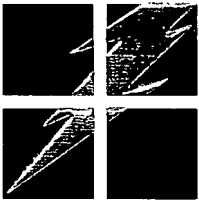
Dear Sir:

Re: United States Patent Application Serial No. 11/501,770
Applicant: Apotex Pharmachem Inc.
Title: NOVEL AND SAFE PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
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DUE DATE: July 2, 2007

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowance dated March 30, 2007, a copy of which Notice is enclosed herewith for your reference, Applicant encloses a cheque in the amount of **\$1,700.00 USD** made payable to "The Commissioner of Patents" which sum is comprised of the issue fee (\$1,400.00 USD) and publication fee (\$300.00 USD) for a large entity. Should there occur an overpayment or and underpayment of fees in respect of this application, the Commissioner is authorized to access Deposit Account Number 08-3255 to make the appropriate adjustments.

Applicant also submits a completed PTOL-85 Issue Fee Transmittal Form.

Also enclosed herewith is a stamped, self-addressed verification card which we request that you date-stamp and return to this office at the earliest opportunity.



We thank the Commissioner for his cooperation in this regard and look forward to obtaining an issue fee receipt in this regard.

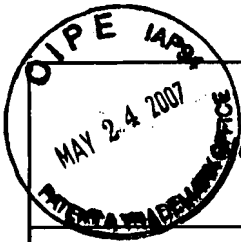
Respectfully submitted,

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--
All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment and drawings filed March 6, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: the drawings filed 3/6/07 are accepted by the examiner.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andre Lapierre on March 28, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 6, line 1, delete "1, 2, 3, 4 or 5" and insert -1, 2 or 3-.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6" and insert -1, 2 or 3-.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7" and insert -1, 2 or 3-.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8" and insert -1, 2 or 3-.

Claim 15, line 2, delete "any of the previous claims" and insert -claim 10, 11 or 12-.

Claim 16, line 2, delete "any of the previous claims" and insert -claim 10, 11 or 12-.

Claim 17, line 2, delete "any of the previous claims" and insert -claim 10, 11 or 12-.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not anticipate or render obvious the claimed process for the preparation of Balsalazide or the methanesulfonate and p-toluenesulfonate salts of N-(4-diazoniumbenzoyl)- β -alanine. The closest prior art process is disclosed in Example 4 of U.S. Patent 4,412,992 and Shan et al., Shi et al., Chai et al. and Su et al. The processes disclosed in these references does not comprise the conversion of N-4-aminobenzoyl)- β -alanine to N-(4-ammoniumbenzoyl)- β -alanine sulfonate salt. These references disclose the chloride salt of N-(4-diazoniumbenzoyl)- β -alanine but do not disclose its methanesulfonate or p-toluenesulfonate salts. The references provide no motivation to modify the process and compounds disclosed therein to arrive at the claimed process and compounds.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fiona T.

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Powers whose telephone number is 571-272-0702. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Fiona T. Powers
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Primary Examiner
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March 28, 2007

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner contacted Mr. Lapierre to inform him that the application would be in condition for allowance if the following were done: 1)claims 6 to 9, change the dependency to -claim 1, 2 or 3- and 2)claims 15 to 17, change the dependency to -claim 10, 11 or 12-. It was agreed that claims 6 to 9 and 15 to 17 would be amended as discussed above by examiner's amendment..